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PUBLIC INVESTMENT IN AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the public investments in agriculture sector have declined during the last three years in comparison to private investment;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government to increase the public investments?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a)&(b) As per the estimates provided by Central Statistical Organisation, the investment inAgricultural sector at current prices has increased both in Public and Private Sectors during the last three years as given below:

INVESTMENT IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR (At current prices)

(Unit: Rs. In crores)

Year	Public	Private	Total
1996-97	6592	15232	21824
1997-98	6603	16625	23228
1998-99	6665	18578	25243

Quick Estimates

(d) With a view to increase capital investment in Agriculture Sector, the Government is inter- alia implementing the following schemes;

i) Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) initiated in 1996-97 for providingassistance to the states by way of loan for timely completion of selected large and multi- purpose irrigation projects.
ii) Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) within the National Bank for Agricultureand Rural Development established in 1995-96.
iii) National Watershed Development Projects for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA) launched in1990-91 for a holistic and sustainable development of vast rainfed areas.